GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Construction of Farming Pools
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is constructing five lakh farming pools in view of the depleting water table in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the farmers to adopt water conservation methods so that they did not suffer heavy losses in case of monsoon failure, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to provide grant to the farmers for the purpose of conservation of water; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For the financial year 2016-17, a target of constructing 5 lakh farm ponds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was kept. States/Union territories in their annual labour budget and shelf of works for the year 2016-17 has kept the target of 8,82,325 farms ponds. The State wise details are annexed.

(c): State Governments have been advised to motivate farmers to adopt water conservations methods.

(d) & (e): Water harvesting and conservation activities are supported under the watershed component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Besides, under the Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY, farmers are given assistance for installation of micro irrigation system for conservation of water.